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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 629  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Peggy and Sonny  
Reece, who started the Sparta Youth Basketball  
Program.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to recognize special citizens of  
our state who generously give of their time and talents to help our youth to improve their athletic  
and life skills; and

WHEREAS, Peggy and Sonny Reece have inspired White County athletes to become  
better basketball players and better citizens through the auspices of the Sparta Youth  
Basketball Program, which they founded 16 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the White County program works with youth ages 5-16 and teaches  
basketball fundamentals; and

WHEREAS, with the help of a few friends, including David Paulk, this exemplary couple  
started the program with a dozen teams; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reece and Mr. Paulk have alternated terms serving as league  
president, and Mrs. Reece has donated countless hours as secretary; they all have been highly  
praised for their extraordinary diligence and dedication; and

WHEREAS, from coaching to refereeing to all aspects of the game, the commitment  
made by these outstanding individuals to teaching life and athletic skills to children has resulted  
in a very successful program; and

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WHEREAS, the program has experienced tremendous growth and now has more than 50 teams and 750 young players; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Youth Basketball Program is the primary reason that the White County High School girls' and boys' basketball teams have been very successful in recent seasons, including this season. Each of the players on these two excellent 1997-1998 high-school squads began their hoops careers by playing in the Sparta Youth Basketball League; and

WHEREAS, the Reeces' two sons both participated in the program, and the family connection continues today as two of their grandchildren are now part of the program; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to salute this outstanding program and its organizers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Peggy and Sonny Reece, David Paulk and the Sparta Youth Basketball Program. We extend to them our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate, duly inscribed copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.